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Kent MALMGREN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
Application No.: 09/101,341 ) Examiner: Everett White  
Filed: July 8, 1998 ) Confirmation No.: 9545  
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN ABSORBENT )  
MATERIAL, AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL )  
AND ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING )  
THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Official Action issued July 15, 2003:

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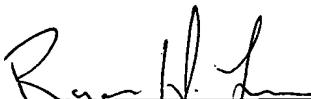
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